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# School Board Elects Dr. Spicer

ARLINGTON — Dr. John Reed Spicer was elected chairman of the Arlington County School Board last night to serve for the 1965-66 fiscal year.

Spicer was chosen chairman and James G. Stockard vice-chairman unanimously at the board's annual organization meeting. Spicer immediately took over the duties of chairman from the immediate past chairman, Laszlo L. Ecker-Racz.

The vice chairman for the past year, Spicer, 57, holds a doctoral degree in education from Columbia University, New York City. Stockard, 50, is a past chairman of the school board, and a former teacher who is presently employed by the Agency for International Development.

SPICER, who is employed by the Central Intelligence Agency, had 20 years experience as a teacher and school administrator before accepting an administrative position with the federal government in 1951.

In Arlington, Spicer has been president of the Woodmont Elementary School PTA, on the Stratford Junior High School PTA executive committee and advisory committees at Stratford and Washington-Lee High School before being appointed to the school board in January of 1964.

Stockard has been chairman of the board twice since he was ap-

pointed in 1953. Before joining the board, he was president of the County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and the Walter Reed Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association. A native of Texas, he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and a master's degree in public administration from American University.

HE WAS a high school teacher before he joined the federal government and was training director for the General Services Administration for several years before joining AID.

Past chairman Ecker-Racz told the board that he had enjoyed being chairman and confessed to a feeling of "sadness at the speed with which the change of the mantle has taken place."

In other business, the board approved a five-point resolution to be presented to the Resolutions Committee of the Virginia School Boards Association for its consideration at the annual meeting Sept. 30 through Oct. 2.

The five-point resolution called for:

- State financial aid to kindergartens;
- State financial aid to summer school programs;
- Teacher education for men in Virginia;
- The passage by the General Assembly of enabling legislation to permit local school boards to

be elected rather than appointed.

- A school opening date of January 1, instead of October 1, to be phased into operation in the fall of the 1968 school year.

The suggestion for enabling legislation for elected school boards came from Stockard and met with comment from Ecker-Racz, who said he does not believe in elected school boards.

"It is my belief that one political agency should be held responsible for local actions," Ecker-Racz said.

Stockard commented that the further "we get away from local elections, the further we get away from democracy."



JOHN R. SPICER  
Takes Over